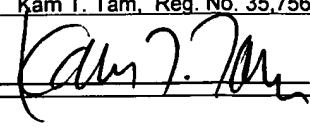
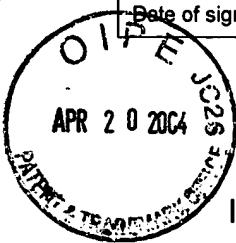


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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir,

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 14, 1999, the shortened statutory period for response having been set to expire on February 14, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below. A petition to revive an abandoned application accomplishes this amendment.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 14 of this paper.